

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
MACON DIVISION**

**LESTER J. SMITH,**

**Plaintiff,**

**VS.**

**BRIAN OWENS,**

**Defendant.**

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**NO. 5:12-CV-26 (WLS)**

**Proceedings Under 42 U.S.C. §1983  
Before the U.S. Magistrate Judge**

**ORDER**

Before the Court is a Motion to Dismiss filed by Defendant Brian Owens. Doc. 15. Since Plaintiff is proceeding pro se, the Court deems it appropriate and necessary to advise him of his obligation to respond and of the consequences which he may suffer if he fails to file a proper response.

Plaintiff is advised:

1. that a Motion to Dismiss has been filed by the Defendant;
2. that he has the right to oppose the granting of that motion; and,
3. if he fails to oppose the motion, his claims may be DISMISSED.

The Plaintiff is further advised that, under the procedures and policies of this court, motions to dismiss are normally decided on briefs. That is, the Court considers the pleadings and briefs filed by the parties in deciding whether dismissal is appropriate under the law. Failure of the Plaintiff to respond, in writing, to the Motion to Dismiss may result in the granting of the motion, without a hearing or any further proceedings.

Accordingly, the Plaintiff is **ORDERED AND DIRECTED** to file a response to the Motion to Dismiss **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 06, 2012**. Thereafter, the Court will consider the motion and any opposition to the same filed by the Plaintiff. If no response is submitted by Plaintiff, the Court will consider said motion to be uncontested.

**SO ORDERED**, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

s/ Charles H. Weigle  
Charles H. Weigle  
United States Magistrate Judge